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1. SUMMARY. MRS. MANALO HAS REPORTED THAT GENERAL ROMULO HAS DECIDED TO MAKE BASIC DECISIONS ON BEHALF OF ASEAN AND WOULD CONVEY THEM TO HIS ASEAN COLLEAGUES. HE THEREFORE ACCEPTS THE U.S. DRAFT AGENDA CONVEYED IN STATE 164713 "AS IS" AND WOULD NOT CONSIDER ANY CHANGES WHATSOEVER FROM HIS COLLEAGUES. "OTHERWISE, WE WOULD NEVER GET GOING." END SUMMARY.

2. GENERAL ROMULO HAS AGREED THAT THE MINISTERIAL WILL START WITH A MEETING WITH SENATE LEADERS ON AUGUST 2 AND
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ACCEPTS THE BREAKFAST MEETING ON AUGUST 3 WITH HOUSE LEADERS. HE WILL EXPLAIN TO HIS ASEAN COLLEAGUES THAT THESE ARE THE ONLY TIMES AVAILABLE FOR MEETINGS WITH THE CONGRESS.

3. ASEAN SPOKESMEN AT THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCH ON AUGUST 3 WILL BE GOS FOREIGN MINISTER RAJARATNAM FOR FOR-

EIGN AFFAIRS AND GOP MINISTER OF FINANCE VIRATA FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. COMMENT: VIRATA IS HIGHLY REGARDED IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL CIRCLES, AND IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL MEN IN THE CABINET. END COMMENT.

4. TENTATIVE LIST OF GOP DELEGATION IS PROVIDED IN SEPTEL.

5. REGARDING SEVERAL AGENDA ITEMS, MRS. MANALO REQUESTED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SO THAT SHE OR HER COLLEAGUES COULD PREPARE FOR APPROPRIATE ASEAN RESPONSES AT THE DIALOGUE. SHE HOPED WE COULD GET TELEGRAPHIC REPLIES, BUT SHE EXPECTS TO DISCUSS THEM FURTHER WITH TONY GEBER NEXT WEEK.

6. ON ITEM 12.A, SHE NOTED THAT PARTICIPATION OF SECRETARY BERGLAND AND ASKED WHETHER U.S. FOOD POLICY AND COOPERATION WITH ASEAN REFERS TO PROJECTS ON DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION AGENDA. OR, DOES IT INCLUDE U.S. INTEREST IN ASEAN RICE RESERVE SCHEME OR OTHER INTERESTS? SHE WOULD APPRECIATE SOME IDEA OF WHAT BERGLAND WOULD SAY OR PROPOSE.

7. FOR ITEM 12.B ON ENERGY COOPERATION, GENERAL ROMULO HAS DECIDED TO INCLUDE SECRETARY OF ENERGY VELASCO ON THE GOP DELEGATION. OUR TALKING PAPER, BASED ON STATE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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164743, HAD STATED OUR INTENTION TO REPEAT THE OFFER MADE BY VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO ESTABLISH A FORMAL CONSULTATIVE MECHANISM TO FACILITATE MORE EXTENSIVE ENERGY COOPERATION WITH ASEAN. MRS. MANALO LOOKS FORWARD TO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON THIS POINT.

8. ON ITEM 12.E ON NARCOTICS CONTROL, MRS. MANALO ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE U.S. WAS A LEADER ON THIS SUBJECT AND COULD PROVIDE ASSISTANCE IN VARIOUS AREAS SUCH AS LEGISLATION, POLICE, REHABILITATION, EDUCATION, ETC. WHAT ASEAN LACKS IS PREVENTIVE EDUCATION AND SHE THEREFORE ASKED THAT ON THIS ITEM THE USG PLACE MAJOR EMPHASIS OR PRIORITY ON THE PROJECT FOR DRUG PREVENTION EDUCATION.

9. ON ITEM 13, MRS. MANALO POINTED OUT THAT SHE HAS RECEIVED NO INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT FROM US. SHE SAID THAT ASEAN HAS ITS OWN REGIONAL EDUCATION AND CULTURAL PROGRAMS, AND IT HAS AGREED TO COOPERATE ON EDUCATION WITH AUSTRALIA AND ON CULTURE WITH JAPAN. ASEAN COULD ACCEPT ADDITIONAL COOPERATION IN THIS AREA FROM OTHER COUNTRIES, AND SHE SAID PERHAPS THE US/ASEAN NON-FORMAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROJECT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED UN-

DER COOPERATION IN EDUCATION. WHEN SHE WAS TOLD THAT MR. REINHARDT WAS DIRECTOR OF USICA, SHE SAID SHE HOPED THE EXCHANGE PROGRAMS ARE REGIONAL IN CHARACTER AND DO NOT SIMPLY ENTAIL AN EXPANSION OF EXISTING BILATERAL PROGRAMS.

10. AS REPORTED EARLIER IN MANILA 11045, ITEM 2 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO READ "STATEMENT BY ASEAN SPOKESMAN" AND THE LAST ENTRY TO "DINNER HOSTED BY ASEAN MINISTERS".
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